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Crowd Behaviour

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Protests in Victoria

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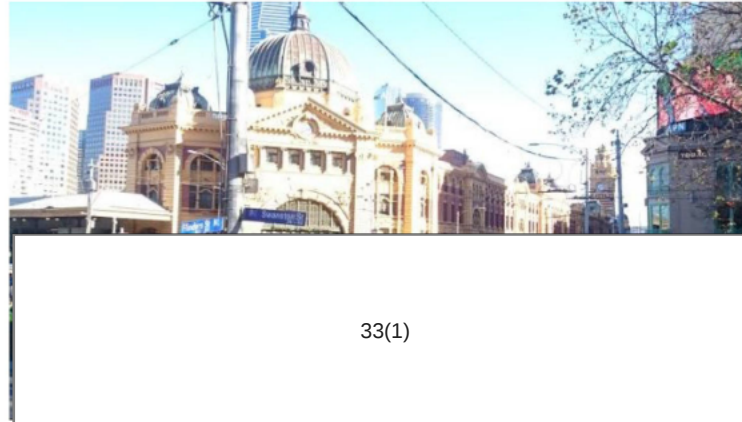
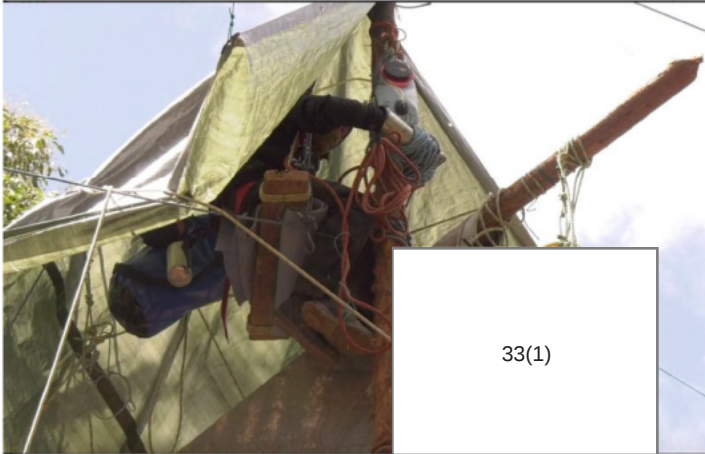
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Protest Groups in Victoria



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Planning of a Protest

**JOIN US IN AUGUST TO
RECLAIM THE POWER**

AUGUST 16TH - 20TH 2013

A FOUR DAY PARTICIPATIVE ACTION CAMP

<http://www.nodashforgas.org.uk/>

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Reclaim Power: The Story of the No Dash for Gas 21

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HovQqw9jEJY>

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Guardian Documentary



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Behind the scenes on Birmingham derby day with football fans and police



Guardian Football

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XWHuAmMmU4>

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Social Media



Russell Crowe

@russellcrowe

Follow

Manus. Don't turn your back [#Australia](#). The solution begins with compassion not semantics. We are on the wrong side of right, let's fix it

2:36 PM - 7 Nov 2017

571 Retweets 1,556 Likes



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1.6K



Russell Crowe

@russellcrowe

older than my children, younger than my parents, get the odd job

Tweets
21.2K

Following
107

Followers
2.74M

Likes
30

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Russell Crowe Retweeted



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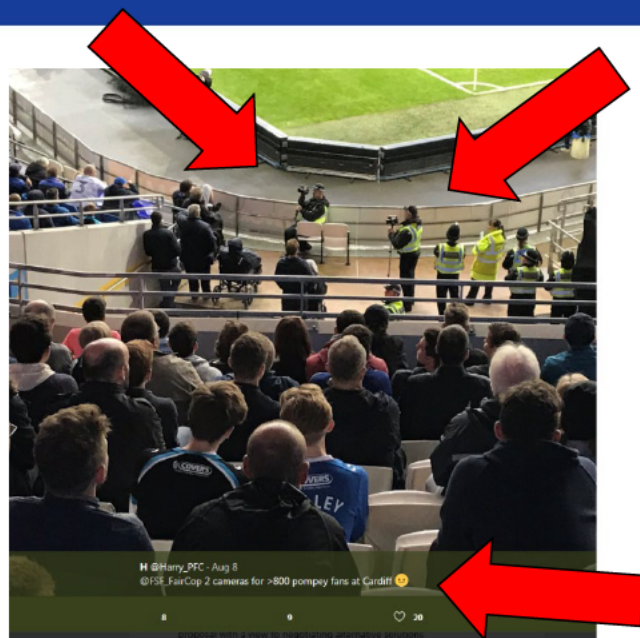
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Public Perception of EG's



- Position of multiple teams
- New role in Victoria
- EG's targeted
- Communication with public
- Explanation of role



Stephen Murphy

The only good cop is a dead cop.



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- Body language from EG's
- Professional behaviours



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Early Deployment

- Pre event reconnaissance
- Establishing an early mood of the various groups
- Assist command with approximate numbers
- Identification of certain individuals and the mood of crowd



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Crowd Dynamics



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How Crowds Behave

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Crowd Behaviour

- Contagion Theory
- Convergent Theory
- Emergent Theory



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Types of Crowds

- Casual Crowds
- Cohesive Crowds
- Expressive Crowds
- Aggressive Crowds

Casual Crowd



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- Group of people who merely happen to be present at a given place
- Are not organised or united
- Do not have a common purpose or following a particular leader



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Cohesive Crowd

- Group who are assembled for some specific purpose
- A common interest and some control
- No organised leadership
- Casual crowd can become a cohesive crowd following an occurrence, which inspires mutual interest



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Expressive Crowds

- Group held together by a common interest
- Has defined leadership and control
- Displays a generally unified mood



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Aggressive Crowds



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- Under positive leadership and displays strong emotions
- Engage in some kind of aggressive action.
- Usually assembled because of strong feelings about some issue
- Show a definite unity of purpose
- Actions may become highly emotional, impulsive or even destructive.



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Behaviour of Unruly Crowds



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Lack of Restraint

- Crowd may be boisterous or unruly without becoming violent.
- Agitation or the arrival of some unpopular figure can transform a harmless crowd.
- When a crowd becomes a mob, restraint is lost and a potential riot situation develops

Abnormal Behaviour



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- Mob behaviour is essentially emotional and without reason
- Dissimilarity to behaviour in private life
- Mob behaviour may be a form of escapism or release of tension
- Behaviour of individuals in the crowd is not like the behaviour of the same people acting individually

Conformity with the group



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- The conduct of people in crowds is highly contagious
- Most people are susceptible to suggestion and will conform to the standard of conduct of a group
- Attention of individuals is directed to objects and symbols that excite their emotions or impulses
- Crowd behaviour is governed by passion and impulse rather than by reason or intellect

Shared Emotions



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- People tend to believe that the attitudes and emotions which they are experiencing are being shared by everyone present
- When large numbers are present, there is a tendency to discourage behaviour that is different from that of the group
- Crowd members stimulate each other and the individual gets the impression that everyone feels as he does



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Anonymity

- Crowd serves as a cover in which the individual can hide his identity and not be singled out
- Contributes significantly to unruly behaviour

Inability to desist



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- Individual may be present out of curiosity
- Unwittingly drawn into the activities
- Psychological pressures may be so great that he becomes actively involved with the crowd



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Recourse to Violence

- When groups brought together by some strong social motivation, whether political, religious or economic, certain factors tend to influence the organisation of the group
- When group is subjected to a common frustration, the cohesiveness of the group is increased
- Common frustration draws people together psychologically



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Recourse to Violence (cont)

- Combination of frustration, group solidarity and desire for action can create a situation where emotion overcomes reason
- Risk of violence is highest when crowd is confronted by opponents of their cause or by police
- Police symbolise constituted authority and can inspire hostility in the crowd by mere presence.



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Summary

- **CROWD BEHAVIOUR CAN CHANGE FROM PASSIVE TO AGGRESSIVE RAPIDLY**
- **ALWAYS BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDS**
- **DON'T BECOME COMPLACENT.**

